

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

This document relates to:

ASHTON, *et al.* v. AL QAEDA ISLAMIC ARMY, *et al.*, Case No. 02-CV-6977;
CONTINENTAL CASUALTY CO., *et al.* v. AL QAEDA ISLAMIC ARMY, *et al.*, Case No. 04-CV-05970;
FEDERAL INSURANCE CO., *et al.* v. AL QAIDA, *et al.*, Case No. 03-CV-6978; and
NEW YORK MARINE AND GENERAL INSURANCE CO. v. AL QAIDA, *et al.*, Case No. 04-CV-6105.

**DECLARATION OF ALAN R. KABAT
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT DR. ADNAN BASHA'S
CONSOLIDATED MOTION TO DISMISS**

I am an attorney licensed to practice in the District of Columbia and am admitted *pro hac vice* in this matter. I am with the law firm of Bernabei & Katz PLLC, counsel to Dr. Adnan Basha. I submit this declaration to transmit to the Court the following documents submitted in support of Dr. Basha's Consolidated Motion to Dismiss:

1. Exhibit 1 to Dr. Basha's motion to dismiss is a copy of Process Server Network, "International," online at <http://www.processnet1.com/internat.htm> (last modified Feb. 10, 2004).
2. Exhibit 2 to Dr. Basha's motion to dismiss is a copy of Process Server Network, "Saudi Arabia," online at http://www.processnet1.com/saudi_arabia.htm (last modified Mar. 8, 2004).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed on September 5, 2005.

Alan R. Kabat

ALAN R. KABAT

Exhibit 1

Dr. Adnan Basha's
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Informal Methods:

Informal methods of service are available in most areas of the world where service by a non-attorney or private process server are . In general, if the country is not a signatory of an international treaty, service may be made by informal methods (similar to service in the United States). However, some countries such as Germany, Japan, Korea, China, Switzerland and Italy do not allow service by private process server and impose serious civil and criminal sanctions on those who violate their national sovereignty.

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Saudi Arabia

Process Service Network is one of a few firms that specializes in international service of process and offers competitive rates on foreign services. Here is a summary of the methods available for service outside the United States and a specific proposal for the requested nation.

Our job is to cut through the bureaucracy and red tape to get the service completed with as little delay as possible. Since we have been in business for 26 years, we have developed close working relationships with key individuals in most countries throughout the world. The founder and President of *Process Service Network* was a Political Science major in college with a focus on international relations and is actively involved in a worldwide organization through which he has developed business and personal relationships in over 80 nations worldwide.

FORMAL SERVICE:

SAUDI ARABIA is not a signer of the Hague Service Convention. There is currently no formal method of service since Saudi Arabia does not honor Letters Rogatory.

INFORMAL SERVICE:

Private process servers may serve documents in most countries, whether a signer of *The Hague Service Convention*, or not. Service is normally handled in a manner similar to methods used in the United States, although completion of the service usually takes longer. Customs and traditions in other countries tend to lead to a slower pace and less rigid work habits, particularly in the Arab nations. Service sometimes may take several months but informal service is generally much faster than formal methods. Most process servers who we employ are off-duty police officers or other government officials who are able to, in certain cases, exercise their official capacity to complete the service. Since we pay the process server a bonus (at our own expense) for prompt

service, the normal delays are usually reduced.

It must be advised, however, that corruption is sometimes evident in that country and that it is common for the process server to contrive an excuse for delays and/or additional costs. We will cover any additional costs but delays may be unavoidable.

Further, service in Saudi Arabia has been complicated in the recent period due to tensions in the Arab world. We do all that is possible to insure a timely completion of the service.

Advantage: Time and cost.

Disadvantage: Judgment may not be enforceable in the country where assets are located.

TRANSLATIONS:

Some countries require the documents to be translated into the official language of the nation where they are to be served. The U.S. State Department *recommends* translation, but it is not a requirement unless the formal method is used. It is possible, although rare, that a demurer could be filed based upon lack of understanding by the defendant as to the nature and meaning of untranslated documents. It is important that the Defendant understand the nature of the documents.

COSTS:

Service of process:

Informal = \$1175.00 All fees are per defendant/address

Translation: \$0.38 per word (proper nouns not translated)

DECLARATIONS:

We provide any necessary formal Declarations, under penalty of perjury, that the Court may require as to the progress and status of the service (at no additional cost).

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DISCLAIMER:

The information contained herein is provided for general information only and may not be accurate at the time of service in a particular case or country. Questions involving specific services should be directed to our office. Care should be exercised in choosing the method of service (formal/informal) if eventual enforcement of a U.S. judgment is anticipated in the country where the documents are to be served. No legal advice is intended in the statements contained herein. Assignments for international service of process are accepted on the basis that the assigning law firm has researched all applicable laws. Process Service Network and its agents assume no liability for its actions in the course of any phase of the service of process assignment.



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